

Southern Michigan Prescribed Fire Council

The mission of the Southern Michigan Prescribed Fire Council is to protect, conserve and expand the uses of prescribed fire on the southern Michigan landscape.



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Prescribed Fire Workshop Planned

The Southern Michigan Prescribed Fire Council is sponsoring its second annual prescribed fire workshop August 3 – 4, 2001 at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, Michigan. Two separate sessions are planned—Friday, August 3 for professional land managers and Saturday, August 4 for landowners and others interested in prescribed fire. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. on both days.

On Friday, August 3, professional land managers will learn about Michigan's fire ecology, and the effects of fire upon various plant and animal communities. Friday topics include Fire Ecology in Michigan, Burning in Oak Woodlands, Prescribed Burning in Cattails, Prescribed Burning in Grasslands, Invertebrates and Prescribed Fire, and Prescribed Fire for Maintaining Plant Diversity in Wetlands.

On Saturday, August 4, private landowners can learn more about the use of prescribed fire. Participants will get to see prescribed fire equipment and learn how to write prescribed burn plans. They will also learn about setting objectives for burning, maintaining prairie plantings, and the use of different ignition patterns.

Prescribed fire is increasingly being used across our state as a management tool on both public and private lands for a variety of purposes. With this increased use of prescribed fire comes the need to address issues such as safety, burning techniques, liability, and public education. The failure to address these issues could lead to injury, the loss of life, or the loss of prescribed fire as a land management tool.

The Southern Michigan Prescribed Fire Council was formed to address the use of prescribed fire in a safe, proper, and effective way.

To register for the prescribed fire workshop, or for additional information about the Southern Michigan Prescribed Fire Council, contact Jack McGowan-Stinski at (517) 332-1741 or jmcgowan-st@tnc.org.

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